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PATENT

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Applicant: David Clarence Howard, et al. :
 : Art Unit: 2859
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 : Examiner: Pruchnic, Stanley J.
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 For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :
 FOR INSTALLING PROCESS :
 INSTRUMENT PROBES :

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1. Transmitted herewith are:

Amendment Transmittal (3 pages, in duplicate)
Amendment After Final in response to Office Action dated January 12, 2006
(15 pages)
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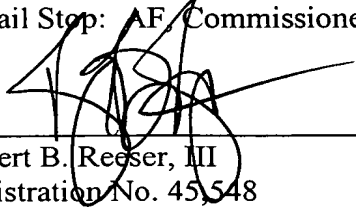
STATUS

2. Applicant
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| <u> </u> | Claims small entity status. |
| <u> X </u> | is other than a small entity. |

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ First month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
_____ Second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
_____ Third month	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
_____ Fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
_____ Fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) X Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.		MINUS			x \$25 = \$		x \$50 = \$
		MINUS			x \$100 = \$		x \$200 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$180 = \$		+ \$360 = \$
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) X No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

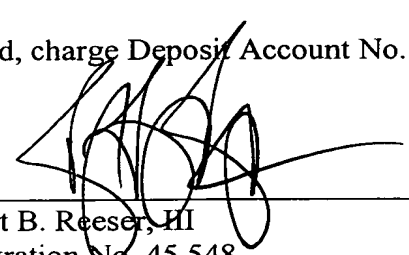
5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$
 Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$
 A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

FEE DEFICIENCY

6. X If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- X If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. Other:


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In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006, and made final, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendment: